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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS CONFIRMED THAT MINISTER COORDINATION
AND PLANNING PAPALIGOURAS AND BANK OF GREECE DEPUTY GOVERNOR
KYRIAZIDES WILL PARTICIPATE DECEMBER 2 IN FIRST MEETING OF
GREECE-EEC ASSOCIATION COUNCIL SINCE APRIL 1967.
IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS WILL ALSO
ATTEND, DUE TO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF MEETING.

2. SESSION WILL FEATURE BROAD-RANGING DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS
RELATED TO NORMALIZING GREEK PARTICIPATION IN EEC, AND GOG
REPS WILL BE PRIMED WITH A VARIETY OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON HOW
TO REACTIVATE RELATIONSHIP. EXPERTS MEETING HAS
FINISHED PRELIMINARY PAPER FOR MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION,
BUT GREEKS APPARENTLY REMAIN UNCERTAIN REGARDING PROSPECTS
FOR RAPID RESOLUTION AT MEETING OF SPECIFIC ISSUES. REFS
B AND C OUTLINE BASIC OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS.

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3. AMIDST MANY THORNY PROBLEMS IN GREEK-EEC ASSOCIATION,
TWO OF MOST PRICKLY ARE THE GREEK REQUEST FOR LONG-TERM LOW-
INTEREST UNTIES \$800 MILLION LOAN, AND THE WELL-PUBLICIZED
EAGERNESS TO ACCELERATE TIMING OF FULL MEMBERSHIP ORIGINALLY
SCHEDULED FOR 1984. GREEKS HAVE SHOWN SOME AMBIVALENCE ON
LATER ISSUE RECENTLY BY REQUESTING EXTENSION OF INFANT INDUSTRY
TARIFF WAIVER WHICH DUE EXPIRE NEXT MONTH.
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